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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: H.C. Starck Inc. and North Carolina State UniversityApplication No./Patent No.: 10/593809 Filed/Issue Date: June 28, 2007METHODS OF FORMING ALPHA AND BETA TANTALUM FILMS WITH CONTROLLED AND
Entitled: NEW MICROSTRUCTURESH.C. Starck Inc. and North Carolina State, a Corporation and University, respectively
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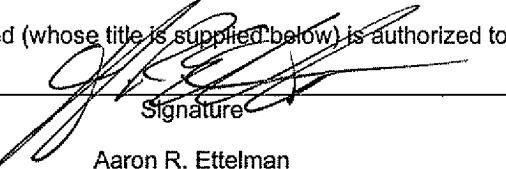
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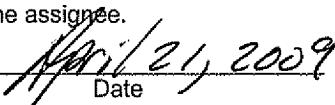
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